wide. To facilitate this, the Central Government abolished the excise duty on release prints with effect from 31/3/90. This gave a benefit of Rs. 9 crore to the film industry.

3) For simultaneous release of more prints as well as to reduce the impact of the spiralling increase of imported sine colour positive raw stock prices, the customs duty on jumbo rolls of this raw stock was reduced in this year's budget by 55% (from 90% it was reduced to 35%) This has given considerable fillip to the film economy.

4) Entertainment Tax which is a State subject is attaining high levels. The Central Government has been repeatedly requesting the States to rationalise the levels of entertainment tax in order to enable the cinema houses to revive and modernize the cinema theatres.

[*Translation*]

Letter Boxes in Railway Mail Service Coaches

2793. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether previously letter boxes were installed inside Railway Mail Service coaches;

(b) if so , when this facility was withdrawn and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore this facility and if so, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. In built letter boxes are provided outside RMS Postal Vans to facilitate public to post letters therein.

(b) This facility countinue and has not been withdrawn.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above questions do not arise.

Telephone facilities to Panchayats in Bihar

2794. SHRI RM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) wheh the scheme to provide telephone facility to each Gram panchayat was introduced; and

(b) the details of telephone connections provided so far to the gram panchayats in Biahr, district wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) January, 1991.

(b) The total number of telephone provided in Panchayat villages as on 30.11.1991 is 5,140. The district wise information will be placed on the Table of the House.

Introduction of family register in States

2795. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where family register has been introduced as far in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and